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RAILWAY HORROR IN AUSTRALIA

Bendigo Train Crashes Into Rear End of Ballarat Train, Forty-one People Being Killed.

Wreckage Took Fire and Many of the Bodies Were Unrecognizable When Recovered—Injured Rescued With Difficulty.

Melbourne, Australia.—Two trains from Ballarat and Bendigo, respectively, collided late at night at Braybrook Junction, about eight miles from Melbourne, forty-one persons being killed and sixty injured. The Bendigo train, with two heavy engines, crashed into the rear of the Ballarat train. Five cars of the latter train were wrecked. The wreckage took fire and was almost completely consumed.
Many of the bodies were unrecognizable when recovered.
The Bendigo train suffered but little damage, but the two engines were piled up on top of the rear coaches of the other train. Terrible scenes followed, many of the injured being caught in the wreckage and were with difficulty rescued. It was a long time before doctors and nurses arrived on the scene, and as a consequence intense suffering prevailed among the injured.

TRAPPED BY BRIGANDS.

Russian Expeditionary Force in Persia Surrounded by Tribesmen.

Tiflis.—An alarming report has just been received here setting forth the critical situation of a small Russian expeditionary force in Persia, which is menaced by a vastly superior body of Persian brigands. The Russian troops penetrated the frontier in the neighborhood of Belesovar in pursuit of Kurdish brigands who had committed depredations in Russian territory. The Russian commander of the force has sent out a message demanding reinforcements of infantry, artillery and cavalry. The Persians, who have been joined by a warlike tribe of nomads, surround the Russians with a numerous force, and their horsemen have assumed the offensive. The sending of Russian reinforcements is made particularly difficult by the flooded condition of the country.

RACE WAR IN TENNESSEE.

White Woman Uses Shotgun in Fight With Negroes.

Memphis, Tenn.—Mrs. James Wright of this city on Monday shot and killed Lella Gordon, a negro woman. Mrs. Wright used a single-barreled shotgun. She then reloaded the weapon and started in pursuit of Mary Davis, another negro woman. She shot at her once after a chase of nearly a block, but the charge went wild.
The homicide followed a desperate struggle between white and negro women, in which Mrs. John Wright, a sister-in-law of Mrs. James Wright, who lives with her, received a bad beating at the hands of the Davis and Gordon women. A quarrel over the children of the white woman being stopped from playing with some negro children living in the vicinity led to the fight.

SUPPLY MEASURE PASSED.

Agricultural Appropriation Bill Carries \$11,642,146.

Washington.—The agricultural appropriation bill, which was reported to the senate on Monday by the committee on agriculture, carries a sum not so great as has been voted in previous years—\$11,642,146, an increase of \$123,340 over the amount of the bill as it was passed by the house. The senate committee recommended an appropriation of \$10,000 for co-operation between the department of agriculture and the reclamation service in demonstrating the feasibility of crop production on lands under the latter service. Another item of \$10,000 was recommended for the purpose of securing hardy forage plants from Siberia for use on the northern portion of the great plains area.

Will Increase Pensions.

Washington.—The senate committee on pensions on Monday practically completed consideration of the pension appropriation bill. It will carry about \$162,000,000, an increase of \$12,000,000 over the house bill, having been made to carry out the provisions of the widows' pension bill, which has been enacted. The house bill was amended so as to eliminate the provision for abolishing pension agencies through the country and consolidating the work of the agencies under the bureau in this city.

CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY BILL FAVORED BY COMMITTEE

All Campaign Contributions for Election of Congressmen to be Reported to Clerk of the House.

Washington.—The McCall campaign publicity bill was unanimously recommended to the house for passage on Tuesday, by the committee on election on president, vice president and representatives in congress. Though introduced by a Republican, the report had the undivided support of the Democratic members of the committee and of the national publicity law organization. It was the subject of much spirited discussion in the committee, and the action in recommending the bill for passage caused jubilation among the minority of the house and some surprise on the Republican side, the Republican chairman of the committee, Mr. Gurnea (W. Va.), having recently expressed himself as opposed to some of the provisions of the measure. The bill provides that "all contributions hereafter made to political campaigns engaged in promotion of the election of representatives or delegates to the congress of the United States or of presidential electors at any election at which representatives or delegates shall be voted for shall be reported by such committees to the clerk of the house of representatives."

The bill was so amended that any person may, in connection with such election, pay from his own private funds for the purpose of controlling or influencing in two or more states the result of an election at which representatives in congress are to be elected, all his traveling expenses. He may pay for stationery and postage and for telegraph and telephone service without being subject to the provisions of the act.

TO PREVENT LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Newspaper Must Not Solicit Sale of Intoxicants in Oklahoma.

Guthrie, Okla.—Half a dozen Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas newspapers, together with numerous Kansas City, Chicago, Dallas and other wholesale liquor houses, brewing companies and distilling companies and local news stand agencies, are made defendants in a suit filed here on Tuesday in the district court by Attorney General West in behalf of the state and under the direction of Governor Haskell, to restrain the newspapers from publishing advertisements soliciting the sale of intoxicating liquors in this state, the liquor houses soliciting business in the state, and restraining the newsdealers from the selling or placing of newspapers or magazines containing these advertisements in view of the public. The state, in its petition, alleges that the newspaper defendants are guilty of violating the Oklahoma prohibition law on April 19 by printing such advertisements.

SOLDIERS DID THE SHOOTING.

Conclusion of Senator Warner Regarding Brownsville Affair.

Washington.—Calling attention to the Grand Army button he wore on the lapel of his coat and insisting that he had no prejudice against negro soldiers, some of whom he claimed as comrades, Senator Warner of Missouri, in the senate on Tuesday, declared his conviction that the town of Brownsville, Texas, had been shot up by negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry in 1906. Mr. Warner quoted extensively from the testimony taken in the Brownsville case and presented an argument to sustain his belief in the guilt of the negro soldiers.

Discuss Legislative Program.

Washington.—At a meeting of the Republican steering committee in the senate on Tuesday, the legislative program was discussed, but no decision was reached to add any important measures to those destined for enactment at the present session of congress. In regard to currency legislation it was stated that if the house passed a bill providing for a commission to investigate financial matters the senate would immediately upon receipt of the measure vote to add the Aldrich currency bill, with a view of putting the whole subject into conference.

LABOR TROUBLE IN CANADA.

Canadian Pacific Posts Open Shop Notice, Four Thousand Being Affected.

Winnipeg.—The Canadian Pacific railway on Tuesday posted an open shop notice in all shops operated by the company from Fort William to Vancouver. Four thousand mechanics are affected. At the same time mechanics in the shops from Fort William to Montreal abrogated an agreement with the company preparatory to joining the other shopmen in a federation of allegiance to fight the open shop rule of the company.

TURKEY ACCEDES REQUEST OF ITALY

Demand for Italian Postoffices in Turkish Territory Came Near Causing Naval Demonstration

Fleet Was About to Depart for Turkey When Official Communication Arrived Which Put an End to Talk of War.

Rome.—Turkey has acceded to the Italian demand for Italian postoffices in Turkish territory in order to avoid a naval demonstration in her waters. Turkey has communicated officially to the Italian government that it does not object to Italy establishing postoffices in the Turkish cities where the other powers have like institutions. Furthermore, the porte has practically acknowledged the other Italian claims in the matter of the right of Italians freely to purchase property in Turkish territory and with regard to coast navigation.

As a result of these concessions the Italian government has issued orders to the fleet that was about to depart for Turkey to remain in Italian waters, and the incident is regarded as closed.

Constantinople.—The difficulty with Italy regarding the opening of postoffices has been arranged. The Turkish government has recognized Italy's right to the same treatment in this respect as is enjoyed by the other powers, and no further objection will be raised to the establishment of Italian postoffices in five cities in which postoffices of the other powers already exist.

Paris.—Discussing the Italian demands on Turkey, the Eclair says that the real meaning of the incident is that dark days are ahead for the sultan on account of the Macedonian and other vexing questions. The paper foresees the working out of the historic law that is slowly pushing the Turks into Asia.

Memorial Services in the House.

Washington.—Memorial services were conducted on Sunday in the house of representatives for the late Representative George W. Smith of Illinois. It is the first time in two weeks the proceedings were opened with prayer, the house during that period having principally been in continuous session. Those who paid tribute to Mr. Smith's memory were Messrs. Thistlewood, Rodenberg, Chapman, Louder and Graff (Ill.), Russell (Mo.), Chaney (Ind.) and Steenerson (Minn.).

Burned to Death in Jail.

Seneca, Kan.—James Lally, charged with murder, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the jail here early Saturday. When the fire was discovered the sheriff found Lally unconscious in his cell and carried him out. He is believed to have set fire to his bed with suicidal intent. Lally was awaiting trial on the charge of having killed Herbert Jordan, a newspaper man and former secretary to former Governor W. J. Bailey of Kansas, in Sabetha the night of February 14.

Horsethief Captured.

Salt Lake City.—After hiding for two years in the "Hole-in-the-Wall" country, thirty miles west of Green River, Emery county, Utah, Oscar E. Wells, alias Lorell Gruell, an alleged Oregon horse thief, was captured on Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Axel H. Steele of Salt Lake, Sheriff Pace of Emery county and Sheriff Robert Odell of Vale, Ore. He was brought to Salt Lake and later departed in custody of Sheriff Odell for Oregon, to stand trial for his alleged crimes.

Landed in Jail Before He Had Committed Any Crime.

San Francisco.—T. C. Diefenbacher is confined in the city prison pending investigation. There is no specific charge against him. Diefenbacher admits that he is a "wire tapper," and has beaten the pool rooms out of large sums of money, but he claims that the business is a legitimate one. He said: "I came to California for my health, but frankly I would have done a job here if the opportunity had presented itself." He has committed no offense against the law since coming here.

Two Men Killed and Two Wounded in Pistol Duel.

Warrensburg, Mo.—James Ryan, chief of police, and Byron Hall, son of J. E. Hall, a farmer, living near Warrensburg, were killed and James E. Basham and Robert Pol-wounded Sunday night in a pistol duel in the corridor of the Estes hotel. The three officers were attempting to take an automatic revolver from Hall, when he shot all three. The officers returned the fire and Hall was shot twice.

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